

June 18, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Waters; Chief Beloat; Supt. Givens; Comm. Maynard; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Middleton and son; Ann Middleton; Vicki Bethel; Randy Stapp; Chris Bolte; and arriving during the meeting Angela Gerald's – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now have the Swearing In of new Police Officer Allen Middleton.

Officer Middleton was administered the Oath of Office by Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe and then congratulated by the Board.

The Middleton's all then left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated he has been on the school district's Safe Schools grant by conducting safety audits at some of the schools. He added as a result, he was paid for his efforts and that money was received this week and Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe receipted it back into his budget.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters began his report by giving the Board copies of some generator quotes from the EMA Director. He added at this point there is no money for any of the options but the cheaper option, \$9,657.00 would only run their lights, furnace and the garage doors. Unfortunately to run the entire building the generator would cost \$27,561.00. He stated there are five different mains at the fire department and they would all need to be rewired, it would be a big job.

Angela Gerald's arrived at the meeting.

Chief Waters then stated the \$9,657.00 option would be just a generator sitting out back of the fire station, and would only run part of the fire department.

Board member Fuelling asked about the old generator ?

Chief Waters replied they had one in the past that ran everything.

Mayor Tucker asked if Chief Waters is saying the smaller generator is the one that would require major rewiring ?

Chief Waters replied yes and added due to the fact they have five different boxes.

Board member Higgins stated the EMA tells the public during any community emergency, they are to meet at the fire station, they need power. She added she feels they need to go with the more expensive option.

Chief Waters agreed but added the EMA will only pay the \$9,657.00.

Mayor Tucker asked where Chief Waters would pay this from ?

Chief Waters replied he has no idea.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added CCIF could pay some of possibly, as well as Rainy Day, though she realizes they really don't want to use that money.

Board member Fuelling stated he is at a loss – how can he say yes when he knows there is no money ?

Board member Higgins agreed and then asked if this replacement is due to a lightning strike ?

Chief Waters replied he was not at the station at the time, he isn't sure.

Board member Higgins moved they table any action for now and that Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe look for some money. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Waters continued his report by stating due to a lightning strike, they have had to get a new computer as well as a new computer; and the siren on top of City Hall was also taken out, though it is now up and running. He then stated the computer still needs some work, but hopefully that will be fixed by next week.

Chief Waters reported Unit #1 is back, though the bill has not been mailed yet it will be upwards of \$10,000.00. He concluded his report by adding it did pass the pump test.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Fuelling went back to the generators by asking if Chief Waters could possibly get some more quotes ?

Chief Waters replied he is not sure he can, as EMA is doing this via a grant that they received, and this company was awarded the bid. He would assume they can not get other quotes.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens reported on June 10 he went to a seminar in Chandler and received the CEU's he needed for his license for the year. He then stated the vehicle they discussed at the last meeting has been purchased and paid for.

Supt. Givens continued by stating Gripp Corp., the firm that did the flow modeling for them on the CSO's has given him a quote on some new equipment. He stated they purchased some meters from them to monitor the discharge and they do have two spares due to the CSO eliminations. He added he also has a rain gauge that unfortunately is not working and he has to have that. He has quotes on a new rain gauge, one run with a solar panel, the other by battery. He stated he needs to know the rainfall amounts in order to generate his reports to the State. He added the solar panel rain gauge quote is \$5,966.00 and the battery powered gauge is \$2,970.00. He added he will also try to get them to come down on these prices.

Board member Higgins asked how often this gauge is replaced ?

Supt. Givens replied the one they had had to be placed outside and ran off a car battery, but the new one will be partially inside in the building, the instrumentation will be anyway.

Board member Higgins moved Supt. Givens be permitted to proceed with the purchase of the cheaper, battery powered rain gauge, for \$2,970.00. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions of Supt. Givens.

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Fuelling stated as they found out at the Council meeting, trees are a Board of Works issue, and so, he has an update. He stated due to the extreme generosity of the citizens of Mt. Vernon, he believes they have solved the dilemma entirely. He added he has received donations from people for 14 trees, willing to pay up to \$200 per tree – he will tell who the donors are once they are planted. He then stated Kay Cox and Judy Winiger have generously agreed to purchase and plant six trees on 2nd Street, from Walnut to Main, but they are asking that the grates be left and the holes in them be cut to at least 2' in diameter.

Board member Higgins questioned that request ?

Board member Fuelling replied for root growth and the mulch. He then stated they would appreciate the Street Department getting that area ready for planting, though all planting will be done in the fall. He then stated another issue that has come up is the electrical boxes that are in the grates, at the base of the trees. They need to be welded on a plate from the gate so they are more secure.

Comm. Maynard stated his department actually was working on some of those today.

Board member Fuelling stated he will contact Lowes and Kraft Nursery in Poseyville and he believes Herb Curry is on board as well as Mr. Ferguson, who assisted with the high school's tree plantings, the Garden Club, Janet Johnson and Judy Heberer. He added everyone seems to be on the same page – uniformity, grates cut larger, and the electric box secured. He then stated Kay Cox indicated that her company could cut the grates if the Street Department did not have the equipment to do it.

Comm. Maynard stated it is his understanding that these trees are City trees, and if someone objects to one being planted in front of their business, they are to go ahead and do it anyway ?

Board member Fuelling replied that is correct. He then added Mrs. Whitten is going to the businesses and hopefully that situation will not arise.

Board member Higgins commended Board member Fuelling on his efforts.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Audience portion of the Agenda is David Givens or a representative of his, concerning blocking the street in front of his building for repairs.

Chris Bolte stated that is correct and added they are requesting the street be blocked on July 28th, which is the first date the contractor had available to do the work. She added they believe it will need to be blocked the entire length of the building, and possibly down to the Cox building, from the barber shop east to the alley. She then stated it will just be for that one day from first thing in the morning to around 3 or 4 pm.

Board member Fuelling wanted to be sure there will be barricades there longer if need be and asked that they keep an open line of communication with the street department. He then moved they approve the closing of E. 2nd Street, from Main to the alley behind the Cox Building on July 28, or sooner if that can be worked out, until 3 or 4 pm. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bolt then left meeting.

Randy Stapp of the Lions Club approached and stated he is present to request the blocking of the riverfront for the annual fireworks presentation, July 4, Water Street from Main to College. He added he also has their insurance with him today. He then stated he would like to make the same request for the River Days Celebration, September 12.

Board member Higgins moved both requests be approved. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Vicki Bethel approached and stated she is with the Bluff City Wrestling Club, an outside of school wrestling team. She added the boys on this team are on their own for all expenses and two of them have made it to the National Team Finals in Fargo, ND. She then stated that is quite an honor, and they would like to hold a benefit concert to help with expenses. She stated it will be on June 27 from 4 pm to 6 pm, on Main Street, from 4th to 3rd. She added they will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, having a bake sale, etc. a very family friendly event. She then stated they have done a lot of advertising on radio, TV, newspapers, etc. and they hope for a big turnout.

Board member Fuelling moved permission to block the street June 27 from 3 pm to 7 pm, on Main from 4th to 3rd be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Higgins asked about insurance ?

Mayor Tucker replied he contacted Dennis Feldhaus with ONB and he indicated it will be covered under the city's coverage since it is being put on by volunteers, but the food part would be under a different umbrella and will not be covered. He then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer

